



Hawaii Building Concierge, Melissa Fletcher

Melissa's expertise is specializing in all aspects of affordable, sustainable homes and project management. Her primary focus is with yurt design and implementation of permitted or off-grid construction, for residential or professional uses.

Melissa's main interests surround interpersonal relationships in our communities and world; the necessity of changing the way we view our needs as they pertain to our consumption and our living habits, and the reintroduction of strong, truly affordable housing that is kinder and more sustainable for our world and all its inhabitants. She believes that we don't have to sacrifice the beauty and sense of pure design that we all crave in order to reach these standards.

Melissa was born and raised in Maine. She moved around for several years, landing in Florida, Texas, and finally Arizona for about 13 years. She moved to the Big Island in 2004 to continue schooling and launched *Yurts of Hawaii* in 2005.

It was 2005 that Melissa began to research affordable housing methods and work through the various building and permitting processes of a yurt. She saw a huge need in her community for these kinds of services and started building a company that could provide it. Since then, she's selectively gathered experts from various fields in order to provide a solid team of experience to draw from for her clients.

Melissa collaborates with experienced, licensed engineers, plumbers, electricians, contractors, draftsmen and architects that she works with to provide top-notch service and assistance through every step of a yurt or sustainable building project. Because of that, she can handle any scope of a project, large or small. Within four recent years, Melissa and her associates have helped direct more than 35 yurt projects, from small scale to large scale; from un-permitted to fully permitted.

Melissa's mission is to share the concept of yurts and sustainable homes as a beautiful and clean structural option, in order to affect positive change in our world and hopefully, in some small way, to help confront our distorted views of consumption versus simplicity.

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